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We, STANDARD TELEPHONES AND CABLES LIMITED, a British Company, Connaught House, 63, Aldwych, London, W.C.2, do hereby declare the nature of 5 this invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement:-

This invention relates to the propaga-10 tion of electromagnetic waves in dielectric

guides.

According to one feature of the invention we provide new and improved apparatus and a corresponding method by 15 which electromagnetic waves of a certain type under propagation in a dielectric guide may be modified or reshaped so that they will go on as waves of a different type. Another feature of the 20 invention is to provide for the introduction of conductive baffles or deflectors in a dielectric guide, such baffles being so shaped and proportioned that they will bend the lines of force of incoming 25 electromagnetic waves in the guide and reshape them to give outgoing waves of another type. These and other features and advantages of our invention will become apparent on consideration of a 30 limited number of examples of the invention which we have chosen for presentation in the following specification. It will be understood that this disclosure relates principally to these particular 35 embodiments of the invention and that the scope of the invention will be indicated in the appended claims.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figures 1, 3, 5 and 7 are longi-40 tudinal sections of a dielectric guide showing wave shapes of different types;

Figs. 2. 4. 6 and 8 are respective cross sections:

Fig. 9 is a longitudinal section, partly 45 in elevation, showing a converter for changing asymmetric magnetic waves to. symmetric magnetic waves:

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Fig. 10 is a set of cross sections of

Fig. 9;
Fig. 11 is a pair of diagrammatic cross 50 sections showing a modification of the device of Figs. 9 and 10;

Fig. 12 is a longitudinal section, partly in elevation, showing a converter for changing second order asymmetric 55 magnetic waves to first order symmetric magnetic waves;

Fig. 13 is a set of cross sections of

Fig. 12; Fig. 14 is a diagram indicating one way in which second order asymmetric magnetic waves may be generated;

Fig. 15 is a longitudinal section of a converter for changing electromagnetic waves from asymmetric magnetic type to asymmetric electric type;

Fig. 16 is a set of cross sections of

Fig. 15: Fig. 17 is a longitudinal section showing a converter for changing asymmetric electric waves to asymmetric magnetic waves:

Fig. 18 is a set of cross sections of Fig. 17;

Fig. 19 is a longitudinal section, partly in elevation, showing a converter for changing asymmetric electric waves to symmetric magnetic waves;

Figs. 20 and 21 are cross sections taken on the correspondingly numbered

lines of Fig. 19;
Fig. 22 is a perspective side view.
partly in section, of a converter adapted to change symmetric electric waves to asymmetric electric waves;

Fig. 23 is a set of cross sections corre-

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sponding to Fig. 22;

Fig. 24 is a longitudinal section showing a converter for changing asymmetric magnetic waves to symmetric magnetic waves:

Fig. 25 is a set of cross sections of Fig. 24:

Fig. 26 is a perspective side view,

partly in section, showing a converter for -changing symmetric electric waves to asymmetric magnetic waves;

Fig. 27 is a set of cross sections of

5 Fig. 26;
Fig. 28 is a perspective side view, partly in section, showing a converter for changing symmetric electric waves to asymmetric magnetic waves;

Fig. 29 is a set of cross sections of

Fig. 28;
Fig. 30 is a perspective side view, partly in section showing a converter for changing symmetric electric waves to 15 asymmetric magnetic waves;

Fig. 31 is a set of cross sections of Fig.

Fig. 32 is a side elevation, partly in section, showing a converter adapted to 20 change symmetric electric waves to symmetric magnetic waves; .

Figs. 33 and 34 are cross sections indicated by corresponding lines on Fig. 32;

Fig. 35 is a perspective view, partly in 25 section, showing a converter for changing symmetric electric waves, to symmetric magnetic waves; and

Fig. 36 is a set of cross sections of Fig.

The term dielectric guide used in this specification is meant to indicate a body of dielectric extending from one place to another place and bounded laterally by a dielectric discontinuity. Such a dielectric guide functions by the generation therein at the one place of electromagnetic waves and their propagation therein to the other place. A form of dielectric guide which will be convenient for considera-40 tion in this connection consists of a cylindrical body of air or empty space as the dielectric, extending from the one place to the other, and having an enclosing cylindrical sheath which affords the dielectric discontinuity for a lateral

boundary. There are different types of waves which may be propagated in such a dielectric guide. If the waves have sub-50 stantial components of electric force parallel to the axis of the guide they are called electric, but if they have substantial components of magnetic force in that direction they are called magnetic. 55 If the lines of force are symmetric on all sides of the axis of the guide they are called symmetric, but if the lines of force. have a substantial component parallel toa plane containing the axis they are

60 called asymmetric.

Referring to Figs. 1 to 8 of the present application, these are diagrammatic longitudinal and cross sections of an aircore metal-sheathed dielectric guide with 65 the thickness of the sheath greatly

exaggerated to facilitate the disclosure. In those figures continuous lines represent lines of electric force, and dotted lines represent lines of magnetic force. It will readily be appreciated, from what has been said, that symmetric electric waves are represented in Figs. 1 and 2; symmetric magnetic waves in Figs. 3 and 4; asymmetric electric waves in Figs. 5 and 6, and asymmetric magnetic waves in Figs. 7 and 8. All these are first order waves. Certain waves of second order will be mentioned in connection with Figs. 12, 13 and 14.

The present invention has to do in great measure with the provision of a method and apparatus for converting one type of wave into another type of wave. Such a conversion may be useful when one has a generator associated with the dielectric guide at the transmitting end so that waves of one type are produced and it is desired to transmit waves of a different type; or when waves of one type are received through a dielectric guide and it is more convenient to receive another type, into which, accordingly, the first type may be converted. In any such case a wave converter of the present

invention may be employed. Asymmetric magnetic waves coming from the left of the dielectric guide D of Fig. 9, with their lines of force directed up and down as viewed in this figure, are caught and bisected by the intermediate 100 edge 110 of the two pipes 111 and 112, each with kidney-shaped cross section at their place of junction with the main guide D. Going on to the right, each of these two pipes is gradually brought to a 105 circular section as in the third of the cross sections of Fig. 10. Then continuing on to the right, each circular pipe has a baffle which begins with a horizontal edge at 118 and 114 and twists in 110 helical form 90 degrees, the upper one to the right and the lower one to the left: Thus the lines of force which are directed alike along a vertical diameter of the main guide D at 113 and 114 are directed 115 oppositely across the same diameter at 115 and 116. These lines are then launched from the open ends of the two circular pipes at 115 and 116 into the enlarged circular pipe D1, and they link 120 together, giving the transverse circular lines of force which are characteristic of the symmetric magnetic waves.

Whereas two branch pipes were shown linking the guide D on the left with the 125. guide D' on the right in Figs. 9 and 10. four such pipes may be employed as indicated in the diagrams of Fig. 11. The electric lines of force of the asymmetric magnetic waves will be received in these 180

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four pipes with the directions indicated by the arrows in the upper diagram of Fig. 11. The baffles with helical twist will turn the lines of force 90 degrees 5 clockwise in the upper pipe; 90 degrees counter-clockwise in the lower pipe; 180 degrees in the right-hand pipe, and no rotation in the left-hand pipe. These component lines of force, thus directed, 10 as in the lower diagram of Fig. 11, will be launched forth and will link up to give the transverse circular lines of force characteristic of the symmetric magnetic type of waves. For the output of the system of Figs. 9

and 10, or of Fig. 11, it may be desirable to provide a screen of circular wires, like those shown at 105 in Fig. 25, which will purify the outgoing wave to the sym-20 metric magnetic type. Since the lines of electric force of the outgoing symmetric magnetic waves will cut the radial wires of the screen 105 each at a right angle, there will be no tendency to develop electromotive forces in those radial conductors; there will be no loss of energy from the wave to the conductors, and the symmetric magnetic wave will pass through and go on unimpaired. But if 30 its lines of force have components other than the circles centred on the axis and in planes perpendicular thereto, those other components will tend to set up currents in the radial conductors 105 and their energy will be absorbed or reflected thereby. In this way the screen 105 may be called a purifier for the symmetric magnetic waves passing through it.

Before explaining the conversion 40 effected by the apparatus of Figs. 12 and 13, attention is directed to the fact that heretofore the waves considered have been of first order type. But it is possible to generate waves in dielectric guides with more elaborate or complex grouping of the lines of force in what may properly be called wave types of higher order. The waves of asymmetric magnetic type of the first order may be generated by an oscil-50 later connected to two diametrically opposite points within a dielectric guide at the left, as shown in Fig. 9. But if the oscillator is connected to points a quadrant distance around the circum-55 ference, as shown in Fig. 14, the oscillatory currents will develop lines of force as shown in that figure, corresponding to what may properly be called asymmetric magnetic waves of the second order.

Let such waves be generated in the dielectric guide of Fig. 12 coming from the left, and let four helical haffles 120 he introduced in the guide having the shapes indicated by the successive cross 65 sections of Fig. 13. That is, the upper

and lower baffles have a 90-degree counter-clockwise twist and the right and left baffles have a 90-degree clockwise twist. In this way the lines of force of the waves of second order asymmetric magnetic type incoming on the left are broken up and bent around and reconnected so as to give the outgoing waves of symmetric magnetic type on the right. Asymmetric magnetic waves coming from the left in Fig. 15 have their lines of electric force caught between the opposed conductors 101 and 102 and gradually reshaped until they are launched to the right as asymmetric electric waves. The conductors 101 and 102 close at the right to form two pipes each of kidney shape in cross section. Within each such pipe is an adjustable piston 103 by which an optimum con-

Another converter to operate either way between asymmetric electric waves and asymmetric magnetic waves is shown in Figs. 17 and 18. Incoming asymmetric electric waves from the left fix the ends of their lines of force upon the lefthand ends of the opposite kidney-shaped electrodes 106 and 107. These electrodes going from left to right are spread apart and opened out into part cylindrical shells, and the lines of force are stretched out between them so that on the right they are launched forth as asymmetric 100 magnetic waves.

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Asymmetric electric waves coming from the left in Fig. 19 have their lines of force picked up by the two kidneyshaped electrodes 46 having the cross 105 section shown in Fig. 20. The conductors from these kidney-shaped electrodes are gradually deformed, going from left to right, as indicated in Fig. 19, until they make a coaxial conductor 110 system as shown at 44 and 43. Then the inner and outer conductors 44 and 43 are connected, respectively, at the middle points of the two intersecting parts of the figure-8 frame shown at 40 in Figs. 19 115 and 21. In this frame it will be seen that when the currents circulate clockwise in the upper member they also circulate clockwise in the lower member. from this frame circular lines of electric 120 force are detached and launched forward to the right as symmetric magnetic waves in the dielectric guide.

Referring to Figs. 22 and 23, it is assumed that waves of symmetric electric 125 type, such as diagrammed in Figs. 1 and 2, are propagated along the dielectric guide D from the left and it is desired to convert these into asymmetric electric waves outgoing in the guide D1 on the 130

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Beginning at 55 and continuing at 551 the inner metallic guide shell in continuation of shell D is opened along one side and bevelled and bent inside and 5 its cross section contracted smoothly and gradually as shown in the sections of Fig. 23, until it ends in the kidneyshaped cross section shown at 56 in Fig. 23. Opposite the point 55 an inside 10 coaxial conductor begins with a circular cross section as at 57. This is bevelled gradually and bent to one side until it ends in the kidney-shaped cross section 58 opposite 56. The cylinder D begins to expand as a frustrum of a cone at 55 and is continued to the right as at D1 from the place 56-58, with increased diameter. The electric lines of force of the incoming symmetric electric waves 20 approaching from the left are in part radially disposed, with their outer ends, to some extent, tied to the shell D. On arriving at the end 57 of the inner conductor they break and their inner ends 25 attach to the shell 57 and they go on as coaxial conductor waves. The ratio of the inner and outer radii, as indicated at the second cross section of Fig. 23, is chosen at such a value as to give a proper 80 impedance match between the dielectric guide D on the left and this coaxial conductor system having the inner conductor 57. Going on to the right, the lines of force are gradually redirected, extending 85 across between the two conductors 551 and 571, and eventually, with their principal component parallel to a horizontal plane, they are launched from the ends 56, 58 into the part of the guide D1 as asym-40 metric electric waves. To get a good impedance match throughout, it is desirable to make the diameter at D¹ somewhat greater than at D. The system of Figs. 22 and 28 has been

45 described as for conversion from symmetric electric to asymmetric electric, going from left to right. It will readily be apparent that the system may be employed for converting from asymmetric 50 electric to symmetric electric, going from

right to left.

In general, a wave type converter will be reversible; that is, if it converts from one type to another type going from left to right, it will convert back from the other type to the one type going from right to left. For definiteness and clearness, many of the appended claims are expressed in terms of conversion one way, 60 but the method or apparatus of each such claim may be employed either way. Referring to Figs. 24 and 25, the lines

of electric force of asymmetric magnetic waves coming from the left are received 65 on the conductors 154 which lie in a

plane transverse to the axis of the dielectric guide D. These lines of force acting on the intermediate parts 154 of. these conductors generate series-assisting electromotive forces in the circum-ferential parts 152 and 153 between which the parts 154 are connected. Also, these currents in the parts 152 and 153 are directed alike around the guide axis. From these circumferential segments, such as 152 and 153, the lines of force are detached and radiated on along the guide core, linking together in the form of the desired symmetric magnetic waves. A sieve of radial wires 105 is provided on the right to purify the symmetric magnetic waves, in other words, to block any component at that place which may be present corresponding to the input asymmetric magnetic waves which might tend to break through on the output side. sieve of horizontal wires 106 at the left purifies the incoming waves against other components than those belonging to the asymmetric magnetic type.

Symmetric electric waves coming from the left of the dielectric guide D of Fig. 26, are received on the coaxial inner conductor 59 as coaxial conductor waves with their lines of electric force extending radially between the two conductors 59, and D. Each of these two conductors is split, one on one side and the other on the other side, as in the third of the cross sections of Fig. 27. The gap 60 in the 100 outer shell may be filled with dielectric material as at 61. Going on to the right, the two splits are made wider and wider until in cross section each is about a semicircle, whereupon the inner member is 105 expanded to the same size as the outer member; the corresponding cross section is shown in the diagram of Fig. 27. Finally, the two half shells are fused together giving an outgoing shell on the 110 right of simple cylindrical contour. It will readily be seen that the radial lines of force which extend outwardly from the inner member at 59 become pushed over more and more past the edges of the 115 cylindrical shell until eventually they stretch across horizontally from one side to the other and are launched to the right as asymmetric magnetic waves. A somewhat different system for con- 120

verting waves from symmetric electric to asymmetric magnetic is shown in Figs. 28 and 29. In view of the explanation that has gone before, it is believed that the transition will be readily apparent by 125 noticing the arrows in Fig. 29 which indicate the electric lines of force of the progressively converted waves,

Yet another converter between the same two types is shown in Figs. 30 and 180

31. Here the incoming symmetric electric waves from the left are converted into coaxial conductor system waves with radial lines of force as shown in the first 5 of the cross sections of Fig. 31. central conductor is split as one goes from left to right and given a spiral cross section, with the outer end of the spiral connected eventually to the shell of the 10 dielectric guide. Then going on from left to right, the inner part of the spiral is gradually cut away and the transverse lines of electric force of the waves are brought more and more to an approxi-15 mately horizontal direction, until finally the wave is launched at the right as an asymmetric magnetic wave.

For effecting conversion of waves from symmetric electric type to symmetric 20 magnetic type, the system of Figs. 32, 33 and 34 may be employed. Here the incoming symmetric electric waves from the left are received on the coaxial conductor system having the central core 51 25 and the outer shell D which is the shell of the dielectric guide. Thus at 51 the lines of force extend radially between these two conductors. The conductor 51 ends at the right in two arms 52, 53 bent 80 around as shown in the cross section of Fig. 33 their ends 54 being adjacent the wall of the guide. The radial lines of force coming from the left are deflected by the extensions 52 and 53 and radiated therefrom to the right in the form of symmetric magnetic waves. The sieve of radial wires 541 blocks any superposed remnant of the symmetric electric waves and permits the passage to the right of 40 only the purified resultant symmetric magnetic waves.

Figs. 35 and 36 show apparatus for the conversion of symmetric electric waves to symmetric magnetic waves. Symmetric 45 electric waves of the character indicated in Figs. 1 and 2 are to be thought of as coming along the dielectric guide D of Fig. 35 from the left toward the right. At 75 there are flat members arranged side by side to form a cylindrical contour. The radii of the shell D and of the com-posite cylinder 75 are appropriate to match the impedances of the dielectric guide D on the left to the combination 55 D-75 considered as a coaxial conductor.

Going on from left to right, each strip or plate 75 is given a progressive helical twist and at the same time is made wider; also, going from left to right over this same stretch from D to D', the diameter of the enclosing metallic sheath is increased gradually. Eventually at the right, that is, at 751, each strip 75 has been twisted 90 degrees so that in a cross 65 section at 751 each section is radial. At their ends 751, where the members extend radially, they nearly touch the inside wall of the metallic sheath D', but are

spaced slightly therefrom.

The lines of force of the symmetric 70 electric waves approaching from the left have substantial radial components and these are caught between the members 75 and D and extend radially as indicated in the left-hand section of Fig. 36. Pro- 75 gressing from left to right these lines of force gradually lose their connection to the surrounding shell D-D1 and attach themselves each to the next adjacent segment in a circumferential direction until 80 all the lines of force extend consecutively from one or another member 751 to the next member 751 in one direction around the guide. These various elemental lines of force then link together end to end as 85 they are detached from the right-hand ends of the members 751 and progress to the right in the enlarged guide D1 as the characteristic lines of electric force of symmetric magnetic waves.

The guide is enlarged from D to D1 to preserve an impedance match throughout, the diameter at D being appropriate for symmetric electric waves of a certain frequency and that at D1 being appropri- 95 ate for symmetric magnetic waves of the

same frequency.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of our said invention and in what manner the same is to 100 be performed, we declare that what we

claim is:-

1. The method of generating waves of a certain type for propagation in a dielectric guide which consists in generat- 105 ing and transmitting waves of another type, receiving them as lines of force on a conductor system, guiding these lines on such conductor system so as to reshape them to the desired type, and detaching 110 them from said conductor system to be propagated within the guide.

2. A dielectric guide provided with a conductor system therein for converting electromagnetic waves in said guide from 115

one type to another type.
3. A dielectric guide provided with conductive baffles therein adapted to engage the ends of lines of force of incoming waves of one type in said guide 120 and to deflect and reconnect such lines of force and detach them from the baffles in the shape of lines of force of another type of waves.

4. A dielectric guide as claimed in 125 Claim 3 in which said baffles are bent in the direction of wave transmission so as to reshape the lines of force on them and discharge them in the direction of the outgoing waves to form such waves of a 180 e in

different desired type.

5. A dielectric guide as claimed in Claim 3 comprising a plurality of helical baffles arranged side by side to act on different parts of the incoming wave front and rotate the lines of force so that at the discharge ends of the baffles they will link together to form waves of the desired

output type.
6. A dielectric guide as claimed in Claim 3 provided with means for converting asymmetric magnetic waves to symmetric magnetic waves comprising a plurality of helical baffles adapted to rotate respective parts of the lines of electric force of the incoming waves and discharge them so that they will link together in coaxial circles to form sym-

metric magnetic waves.

7. A dielectric guide as claimed in Claim 6 comprising a main guide for the incoming asymmetric magnetic waves, a plurality of smaller parallel branch guides, respective helical baffles in said 25 branch guides adapted to rotate the lines of electric force so that at the discharge ends of the said baffles they will link together in sequence in coaxial circles, and an outgoing dielectric guide con-80 nected around such discharge ends.

8. A dielectric guide as claimed in Claim 3 provided with means therein to convert electromagnetic waves from one to the other of the two types, asymmetric 35 magnetic and asymmetric electric, in which said baffles consist of two con-ductors inside the guide with opposed kidney-shaped cross sections at one end

and opening out to opposed arc-shaped 40 cross sections at the other end.

9. A dielectric guide as claimed in Claim 3 provided with means therein to convert electromagnetic waves from one to the other of the two types, asymmetric 45 magnetic and asymmetric electric, such means consisting of two conductors inside the guide with opposed kidney-shaped cross sections at one end and opening out to opposed arc-shaped cross sections at the 50 other end, and longitudinal adjustable pistons within said conductors at their kidney-shaped ends.

10. A dielectric guide as claimed in Claim 3 provided with means to convert 55 asymmetric electric waves to symmetric magnetic waves in a dielectric guide, comprising a pair of opposite conductors in the guide to receive the asymmetric electric waves, said conductors being 60 brought closer together and one around the other as a coaxial conductor system going in the direction of propagation, and a transverse figure-8 frame with its two cross members connected respectively 65 to said conductors, said frame being adapted to launch symmetric magnetic waves therefrom in the dielectric guide.

11. A dielectric guide as claimed in Claim 8 provided with means for converting waves of symmetric electric type to 70 waves of asymmetric electric type consisting of an axial core and a cylindrical metallic shell, the axial core being bent off to one side of the guide and the cylindrical shell being bevelled off to the 75

opposite side.

12. A dielectric guide as claimed in Claim 2 provided with means to convert asymmetric magnetic waves to symmetric magnetic waves consisting of a system of 80 conductors lying in a plane transverse to the direction of transmission, each conductor comprising in series a chord part to receive the asymmetric magnetic waves and a circumferential part to radiate the 85 symmetric magnetic waves, the chord parts of all such conductors being parallel and the circumferential parts extending consecutively around the axis along which transmission takes place.

13. A dielectric guide as claimed in Claim 8 provided with means for converting waves of symmetric electric type to waves of asymmetric magnetic type consisting of an axial core and a cylindrical 95 conductive shell, said core being graded trough-like into a semi-cylindrical shell, and said cylindrical shell being bevelled to an opposite semi-cylindrical shell, and the resultant two semi-cylindrical shells 100

being fused together.

14. A dielectric guide as claimed in Claim 3 provided with means for converting symmetric electric type waves to symmetric magnetic type waves, consisting of 105 an axial core, two opposite radial mem-bers connected to the end of this core and semi-circumferential members connected to the ends of the radial members and to the wall of the guide at opposite points. 110

15. A dielectric guide as claimed in Claim 8 provided with means for converting waves of symmetric electric type to symmetric magnetic type, comprising a plurality of baffles placed edge to edge in 115 a cylindrical contour at the input end and each twisted a quarter turn so that all stand radially at the output end.

16. A dielectric guide as claimed in Claim 15, comprising a plurality of 120 baffles placed edge to edge in a cylin-drical contour at the input end, the diameter of this assembly at that place having the proper ratio to the diameter of the dielectric guide for impedance 125 match, each baffle being twisted a quarter turn and made wider in the direction of transmission so that at the output end the baffles all extend radially, and the diameter of the metal sheath being in 130

creased gradually from the input end toward the output end.

17. A dielectric guide as claimed in any of the preceding claims in which a 5 screen is placed across the guide on the output side to purify the waves of the outgoing type.

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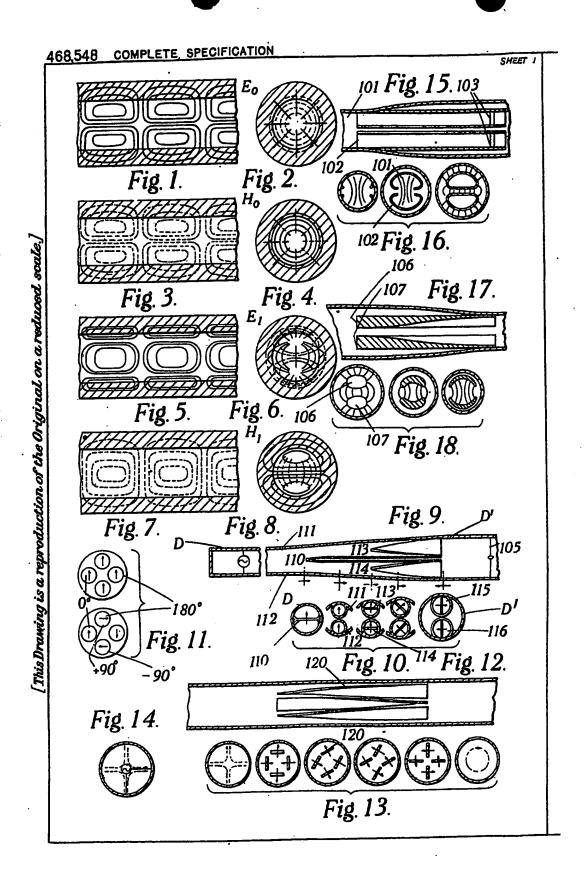
18. A dielectric guide as claimed in any of the preceding claims, in which 10 said guide is made a different diameter on each side of the wave-converting means, the different diameters being appropriate to the respective wave type therein.

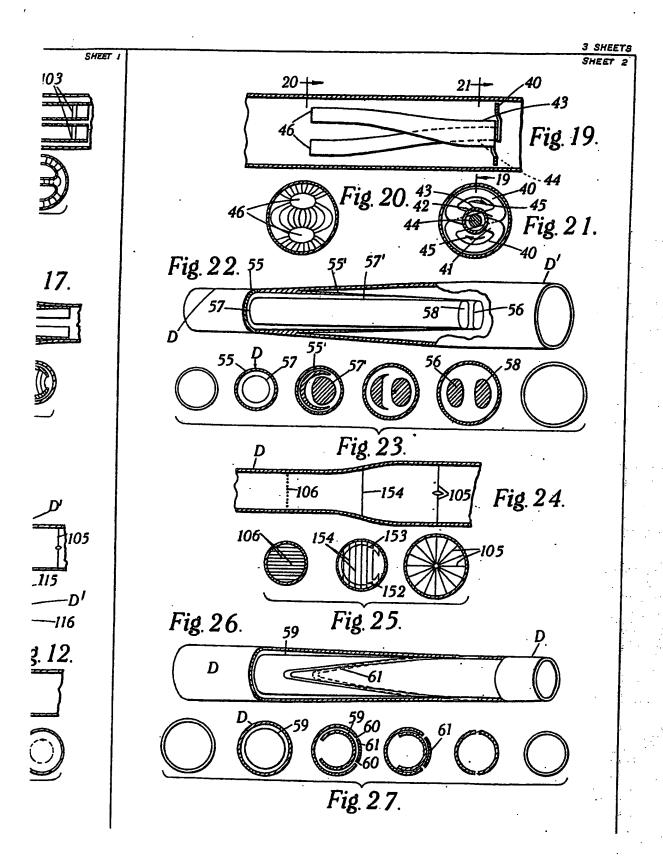
19. Arrangements for converting electromagnetic waves in a dielectric guide from one type to another as claimed in Claim 2 and substantially as described and as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

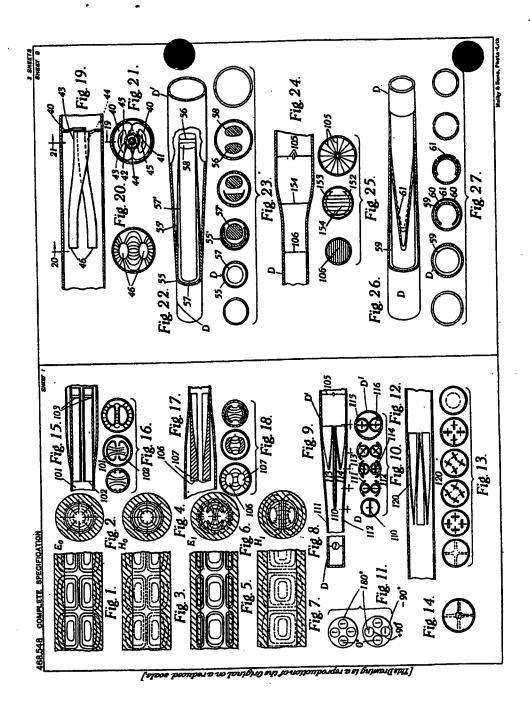
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